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Title : FAMILY OF MAMMALIAN
: POTASSIUM CHANNELS,
: THEIR CLONING AND THEIR
: USE, ESPECIALLY FOR THE
: SCREENING OF DRUGS



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Docket No.: 1201-CIP-DIV-2-00

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RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

This is submitted in response to the Official Action dated March 25, 2003.

The Applicants acknowledge the restriction as set forth on page 2 of the Official Action wherein seven separate groups of claims are recited.

However, the Applicants note that the originally filed Application and the sheet requesting the filing of a divisional application requested cancellation of Claims 1-28. Also, a Preliminary Amendment was filed at that time amending Claims 29 and 33. Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully submit that the only claims in the case are Claims 29-33.

The Applicants hereby elect Group VII including Claims 29-32 drawn to a transgenic animal, without traverse. We respectfully request that the restriction as it applies to Groups II-XI be withdrawn, in as much as those claims are not in the case. We also respectfully request that the restriction drawn to Group I to the extent that applies to Claims 1-8 and 24-27 be withdrawn as well.

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The Applicants respectfully request an early action on merits.

Respectfully submitted,

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